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GLENDALÉ HOSTING RECRUITMENT FAIR TO PROVIDE RESIDENTS OPPORTUNITY TO GET INVOLVED IN CITY

GLENDALÉ, Arizona – Are you looking for a way to get involved in your city, but don't know where to start?

If so, you can begin by attending the city of Glendale's Advisory Boards and Commissions Recruitment Fair from 6 – 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 29 at the Glendale Civic Center Annex, 5750 W. Glenn Drive.

The city's 18 citizen advisory groups serve an integral role in helping shape the community, from local historic preservation initiatives to transportation projects. Residents attending the recruitment fair will have the opportunity to learn more about each board and commission, as well as speak with city representatives.

"Citizen participation is crucial to the success of local governments throughout the country, and Glendale is no exception," said Vice Mayor Manny Martinez, chairman of the city's Government Services Committee. "Our citizen advisory groups assist the City Council tremendously in making important policy decisions that impact our community."

For some residents, membership on a board or commission serves as a springboard to even greater involvement with the city. Several current members of the City Council, including Martinez, began their service with Glendale as a member of an advisory group.

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Glendale has 18 boards and commissions:

Arts Commission – Advises the City Council on Glendale’s Municipal Arts Plan and recommends and commissions publicly funded art for the city.

Aviation Advisory Commission – Advises the City Council on the operation of the Glendale Municipal Airport and its role in the statewide air transportation system.

Board of Adjustment – Holds hearings on requests for variances and appeals relating to zoning cases.

Citizens Advisory Commission on Neighborhoods – Makes recommendations to the City Council regarding policies, strategies and programs relating to the improvement, preservation and revitalization of Glendale neighborhoods.

Citizens Bicycle Advisory Committee – Advises city staff and City Council on bicycle plan implementation and refinement; promotes bicycling and walking programs in the city.

Citizens Transportation Oversight Commission – Monitors the city’s transportation fund to ensure voter-approved projects are completed in a timely and cost-effective manner; advises the City Council on regional transportation issues.

Commission on Persons with Disabilities – Advises the City Council on issues, regulations or policies affecting the city’s special needs population and their contributions and involvement in the community.

Community Development Advisory Committee – Makes recommendations to the City Council on the allocation of federal grant funds to eligible, local non-profit agencies.

Historic Preservation Commission – Advises the Planning Commission and City Council on historic preservation issues.

Housing Advisory Commission – Advises the City Council on policies relating to the maintenance and operation of city public housing programs.

Industrial Development Authority – Issues revenue bonds to projects eligible for financing under Arizona statutes.

Judicial Selection Advisory Board – Assists in the recruitment and selection of Glendale’s presiding judge and city judge.

Library Advisory Board – Advises the City Council on policies relating to the provision of library services in the city.

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Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission – Advises the City Council on the planning, acquisition, operations and maintenance of parks and recreation facilities; responsible for development of a continuous parks master plan.

Personnel Board – Advises the City Council and city manager on personnel policies and administration. The board also hears appeals regarding city employee disciplinary matters.

Planning Commission – Reviews, analyzes and makes recommendations to the City Council regarding land use and development-related issues.

Public Safety Personnel Retirement Boards – These two boards for the Police and Fire departments make the provisions of the Arizona State Public Safety Retirement System effective, including membership, benefits eligibility and administration of claims.

High school students living in Glendale can apply to serve on either the city's Library Advisory Board or Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission.

The time commitment to serve on an advisory board varies, but most meet at least once a month for several hours. Preparation for meetings and special meetings sometimes require an additional time commitment. Membership is usually for two years.

A three-hour basic training program is required for residents who have completed an application to serve on a board or commission.

For more information on the upcoming recruitment fair, please call Kriss Carneal at 623-930-2814.

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